EXPLANATION OF PLATE V.

[The figures represent the specimens magnified 4 diameters, with the exception of 16 b.

- Fig. 1 a. Beyrichia Buchiana, Jones: right valve. 1 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve. 2. Left valve. 3. Left valve of old specimen.
- Fig. 4. Beyrichia tuberculata, Klöden, sp.: right valve (young individual). 5 a. Right valve. 5 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve. 6. Left valve. 7 a. Left valve (old individual). 7 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve. 8 a. Right valve. 8 b. Transverse section of the right valve. 9 a. Left valve. 9 b. Ventral aspect of the same
- Fig. 10 a. B. tuberculata, var. nuda, Jones: right valve. 10 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve. 11. Left valve.
- Fig. 12. B. tuberculata, var. antiquata, Jones: left valve.
- Fig. 13 a. Beyrichia Dalmaniana, Jones: right valve. 13 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve.
- Fig. 14. Beyrichia Maccoyiana, Jones: right valve.
- Fig. 15 a. Beyrichia Salteriana, Jones: right valve. 15 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve. 16 a. Left valve. 16 b. Highly magnified view of part of the border.
- Fig. 17. Beyrichia Wilckensiana, Jones: Left valve. 18 a. Right valve. 18 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve.
- Fig. 19. B. Wilckensiana, var. plicata, Jones: right valve of large individual. 20 a. Right valve. 20 b. Ventral aspect of the same valve. 21. Left valve.
- Fig. 22. Beyrichia siliqua, Jones: right valve.
- Fig. 23. Beyrichia mundula, Jones: left valve.

VII.—On the Conjugation of the Diatomaceæ. By J. W. GRIFFITH, M.D., F.L.S.

[With a Plate.]

THE interest attached to the conjugation and the relation of the forms to the species of Diatomaceæ, will, I trust, render the following remarks of interest to the botanist.

At the end of May of the present year, I was fortunate enough to find the bodies delineated in Pl. II. B. figs. 1-5, in a ditch near Blackwall.

The first which attracted my notice was that represented by fig. 3, and which could not be referred to any known Diatomacean; it was composed of silex, i. e. indestructible by heat and nitric acid. Upon further search, other of these bodies were found (fig. 2) containing a frustule of a Navicula, some also with the valves of another Navicula (figs. 1 & 2) adherent to the former. It was then evident that these bodies represented



